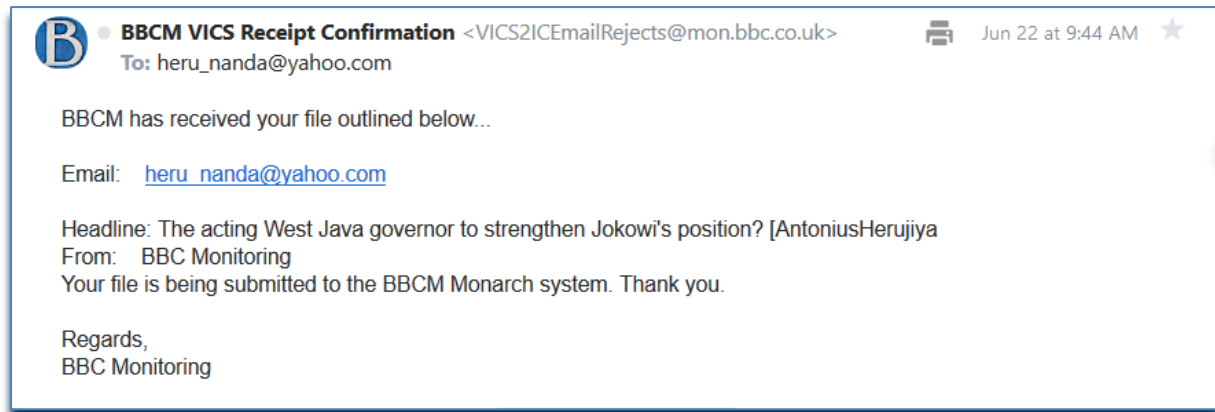


The Acting West Java Governor To Strengthen Jokowi's Position?



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Some Indonesian important political figures have an allergic reaction to the inauguration of Commissioner General Iriawan, who was once West Java Police chief, as acting West Java governor. He was inaugurated by Home Minister Tjahjo Kumolo on Wednesday (13 June).

The politicians are, among others, Fadli Zon [vice-Speaker of DPR or the House of Representative and vice General chairman of Gerindra Party), Muslim Arbi (from the Anti-Shia National Alliance), former President SBY or Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, and many more including those important figures from the Oppositions.

Not only did they mention that the inauguration was against the regulation issued by the Home Minister himself, but they also said that it was, indeed, against the Menkopolhukam [Coordinating Political, Legal and Security Affairs Minister] Wiranto's plan to cancel the inaugurations of any active military and police officers as acting governors.

According to Muslim Ardi, for example, there are some possible reasons why Home Minister Tjahjo Kumolo has done it.

To respond to the panicky feeling that those gubernatorial candidates from the Oppositions, who would be obviously against the second term of President Jokowi.

To meet the demand of Megawati as the chairwoman of the ruling party [the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle or PDI-P]. The acting governor Iriawan must have been expected to support PDI-P's gubernatorial candidates who are former military and police officers (Tb Hasanuddin-Anton Charliyan).

To meet the demand of those conglomerates' investing the present giant projects of the West Java such as, among others, the train express projects and Meikarta luxurious residence projects.

To increase the bargaining position of the National Police Chief (or Kapolri) General Tito Karnavian as the candidate of vice-President.

To further establish the strength of Indonesian police in the country's political affairs.

To conquer West Java province. In 2014 Presidential elections, Jokowi had a very insignificant support in the province.

According to Muslim Arbi, however, President Jokowi's administration could lead to face two failures. First the campaigning hashtags of "the 2019 Change President" have seemed to be successfully achieved in Indonesian grassroots' societies including in West Java. Secondly the decision of Home Minister Tjahjo Kumolo's decision would possibly weaken the position of President Jokowi's regime.

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